

is because they are free. What a thrill of joy passed over our country when she was declared free! The very word freedom has in it a joyful sound. The world would say that Christianity is not a free, but a narrow life. It would tell us that worldly people are free, because they can do just as they like. Christian are the freest people on earth, and

"They are slaves who will not choose
Hatred, scoffing and abuse,
Rather than in silence shrink
From the truth they needs must think."

The Christian is the one who can do as he pleases, because, with the mind of Christ in him, he will not wish to do wrong. He need not fear temptation or trial, for in Christ he can overcome them all. There are no heights to which he dare not hope to attain, no depths of thought into which he dare not go. Christ has made him free.

But what a price was paid that we might have the joy of this freedom. We are not only the freest, but also the wealthiest people, for was ever a greater price paid than that paid for our redemption? The life blood of a Perfect Man—that price can not be measured in any thing we know of.

And then, we want the pleasant associates to make us joyful and where can we find a better associate than Jesus himself? In him we have a constant companion who is altogether pure and lovely. We cannot think of a virtue that is not found in him. We should seek in vain for such a one on earth. There is nothing that affords the Christian more real joy than quiet communion with this perfect One. Just to realize his presence and talk with him as with a dearest friend, and have him speak to us thru his Book and thru our hearts. I think a great many Christians don't practice the presence of Christ enough.

The strength, joy and peace received from a short time spent alone with God in the early morning is of so much more value than those who had not experienced it would think. Those who take time for quiet communion with God can say with the Psalmist, "In thy presence is fullness of joy."

And lastly, Christians are joyful because of the love there is in Christ for them. It is said and true of a home, that, no matter what else it has, if it have not love it is not a happy home, for its greatest need is lacking. The same is true of a life. There "Abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." But this greatest of all things is found most complete in Christ. No story was ever written, no life was ever lived in which so much love was shown as in Christ's death for us who we were yet in the depths of sin. Surely it affords us joy to trust our lives to one who has loved us so much.

Even if there were nothing beyond the grave for the Christian, it pays to live a life of trust in God for the present enjoyment. It is the best life for this world. But, thank God, there is more joy beyond. What it will be we cannot know now. We are told that with all the joy of this life, we yet see thru a glass darkly. The finite mind cannot

comprehend the joy of seeing face to face.

Amid our trials and the crowded moments of our busy lives, let us not forget to think often of how much real joy there is in a life fully trusted to God.

PRAYER MEETING TOPIC

"SELF DENIAL"

Lesson: Rom. 14: 1-22.

I. Necessary for our own sake.

1. Because of the results of sin, Matt. 5: 29, 30.
2. Because Christ demands the first place in our lives, Matt. 10: 37-39. (a.) How many refuse to follow their consciences because of parents or relatives or expected money!
3. Because we never become what we ought unless we deny the flesh, Matt. 19: 12; Matt. 16: 24.
4. Because God can't give us the best unless we give up the worse, Luke 18: 27-30.

II. Necessary for the sake of others

1. Because they are helped or hindered by our conduct, Rom. 15: 1-3.
2. Because all things are not expedient, I Cor. 6: 12; 8: 12, 13.
3. Because in self denial we declare Christ's life to men, I Pet. 2: 20, 21.

III. Practical questions.

1. Are you denying yourself anything for Christ's sake and for the sake of those who watch you?
2. Are you always asking "What would Jesus do in just this case?"
3. Blessed are those whom Christ sets free from self, John 8: 36.

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"It's On The Inside"

Selected.

While walking down the street one day, I passed a store where a man was washing the large plate-glass show-window. There was one soiled spot which defied efforts to remove it. After rubbing hard at it, using much soap and water, and failing to remove it, he found out the trouble. "It's on the inside," he called out to some one in the store.

Many are striving to cleanse the soul from its stains. They wash it with the tears of sorrow; they scrub it with the soap of good resolves; they rub it with the chamomise of morality, but still the consciousness is not removed. The trouble is, "it's on the inside." It is the heart that is bad. If the fountain is bitter the stream will not be sweet.

Nothing but the blood of Jesus applied by the Mighty Hand of the Holy Spirit can cleanse the inside, for God's Spirit alone can reach the inside.

As We Love We Give

Sunday School Times.

A man who loves his home gladly gives to the extent of his ability and its needs, and without being appealed to for such liberality. The man who loves God supremely will count it a privilege to give liberally to his cause. The plain, if painful, truth seems to be that most of us love him very little, else why are there empty missionary treasuries, and why unnumbered millions of heathens who have never heard about our Saviour? Do we not give thousands to self-gratification, and begrudgingly tens to world wide evangelization? Are we not devoting days and years to acquiring wealth for ourselves, and grudgingly giving a few hours each week to the service

of Him who redeemed us? Poorly sustained churches, and half supported pastors at home, and lamentable lack of Christian workers abroad, all rise up to exclaim in the name of the Master: "You do not love God." In times of financial depression, what expense do you cut off first—the luxury of your home, or the amount you pay to the support of your church? Economy ought to begin last with what we pay into the treasury of the Lord, and if we love him as we ought, it would be so.

The Mission Field

GENERAL

Washington City Echoes

In my last I said I would tell you this week how the EVANGELIST might still be made better. We have it in our hands to make this improvement. The trouble is not with the editor, but with the brotherhood. We are commanded to "love the brotherhood." Well, what we need is to love the brotherhood so that it will not be necessary to make so many appeals for money thru the paper—money to support the missions, college, etc. When appeals of this kind have to be made repeatedly it creates a very unfavorable impression on the minds of those are not acquainted with the circumstances, etc. When all the brethren and sisters love the brotherhood as they should, there will be no lack of means to carry on the Lord's work. God has promised to open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing so that there shall not be room to receive it, if we have this love, because those who truly love God and his cause do not fail to prove him by bringing all the "tithes into the storehouse," so that none need to cry for meat. Mal. 3: 10. Those who love the brotherhood in the true sense take pleasure in denying themselves of the foolish things of this world in order that they may give to God's work.

May the Holy Spirit so work in the hearts and lives of all who profess to love God that in the future it will not seem necessary to advertise this lack of love. We can not expect others to love that which we fail to love.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The attendance was not large, but the Lord was with us. It seems to me that as a brotherhood, as a people, we should not fail to meet to worship and praise God on Thanksgiving day, even tho many fail to come. Let us set the example. When Christ healed the ten lepers, only one returned to glorify God. Let us not be of the nine.

THANKS RENDERED

Brother S. Berkeybile of Altoona, Pa., still shows his love to the mission by sending one dollar each month. May the Lord richly bless him! We also return thanks to brother S. P. Fogle of New Market, Virginia, who sends in \$2.00 saying that there is more to follow. We would gladly write each friend a personal letter, but do not have the